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AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 074096

E. O.: 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, WZ

SUBJECT: ABOLITION OF SWAZILAND CONSTITUTIONAL RULE

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

REF.: A) MBABANE 762; B) STATE 069505

1. APPRECIATE COUNTRY TEAM'S THOROUGH ANALYSIS NEW  
SITUATION SWAZILAND AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USG POLICY.  
DEPARTMENT AGREES IN PRINCIPLE WITH RECOMMENDED LOW- KEY  
POLICY. HAVE NOTED WITH INTEREST, HOWEVER, THAT KING'S  
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MOVE ENJOYS POPULAR SUPPORT, THAT GOS INTENDS PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH DRAFTING NEW CONSTITUTION, AND THAT UK, UN AND IBRD PROCEEDING ON BUSINESS AS USUAL BASIS. AS EMBASSY POINTED OUT, THERE HAS BEEN NO EXPROPRIATION OF OF FOREIGN PROPERTY, NO VIOLENCE, NO KNOWN DETENTIONS AND GOS ALSO OPERATING ON BUSINESS AS USUAL BASIS.

2. WITH ABOVE IN MIND, DEPARTMENT PREFERS EMBASSY TAKE NO ACTION WHICH WOULD BECOME IRRITANT IN US - SWAZILAND RELATIONS. IN EFFECT, RATHER THAN PERIODIC REVIEW, RECOMMEND THAT COUNTRY TEAM MONITOR SITUATION ON A CONTINUING BASIS ADVISING DEPARTMENT AS AND WHEN ANY PARTICULAR ACTION OR CHANGE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

3. REGARDING APPROACHES TO GOS, DEPARTMENT WILL USE APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS TO EMPHASIZE TO GOS OFFICIALS DESIRABILITY OF PREPARING AND ADOPTING NEW CONSTITUTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EMBASSY SHOULD FOLLOW SAME LINE.

4. BASICALLY, ALL PROGRAMS SHOULD CONTINUE NORMALLY. WITH THIS IN MIND, ADDITIONAL (FOURTH TRANCHE) SELF-HELP FUNDS BEING AUTHORIZED (SEPTTEL). PREFER, HOWEVER, THAT EXCHANGE AND PARTICIPANT GRANTEES BE RECONFIRMED INDIVIDUALLY WITH WASHINGTON AS REQUESTED REF (B). IF PARTICULAR PROBLEMS ARISE AS RESULT NEW POLITICAL SITUATION, DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE SHOULD BE SOUGHT.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD CAREFULLY WATCH AND REPORT ANY GOS USE OF PREVENTIVE DETENTION. PORTER

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